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Census 2011 Results
Profile 1 Town and Country – Population Distribution and Movements and Population by Area

The Central Statistics Office today released two further publications in its series of Census 2011 results, showing that the population density for the State in 2011 was 67 persons per km^2, up from 62 persons per km^2 recorded in 2006.

Today's two publications, "*Profile 1 Town and Country – Population Distribution and Movements*" and the "*Population by Area*" volume examine topics including the geographic distribution of the population, population density and internal migration.

Deirdre Cullen, Senior Statistician at the CSO: "This profile report is the first of ten profile reports examining the definitive results of Census 2011 in more detail. This continues our publishing approach of presenting more interpretation and analysis of the data accompanied by illustrative presentations, thematic maps and easy to read commentary".

The full reports are available on the CSO website at www.cso.ie/census along with all the data which is available in a range of interactive web tables, allowing users to build their own tables by selecting the data they are interested in and downloading them in an easy to use format for their own analysis.

In co-operation with the All Ireland Research Observatory (AIRO) at NUI Maynooth, summary census data is now available in thematic maps for Electoral Districts and all Small Areas on the AIRO website. Just follow the link from the CSO website.

Other topics will be covered in further profile reports to be released throughout 2012 and in two summary publications, "*This is Ireland – Highlights from Census 2011, Part 1"* (published in March 2012), dealing with demographic factors and "*This is Ireland – Highlights from Census 2011, Part 2"* (due in June 2012) which will cover socio-economic themes. A complete list of planned publications can be found in the appendices of both reports.

Highlights of the report

Population density in Ireland

The population density for the State in 2011 was 67 persons per km^2, up from 62 persons per km^2 recorded in 2006. The average population density in urban areas was 1,736 persons per km^2 compared to 26 persons per km^2 in rural areas.

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Urban and rural land area

In 2011 the urban population (comprising 62 per cent of the total population) lived on just 2.4 per cent of the total land area.

Urbanisation

Leitrim is the most rural county in the country with almost 90 per cent of the population living in a rural setting. No county showed an increase in the share of the rural population since 2006.

Towns and Cities

Drogheda has maintained its position as the largest town in Ireland with 38,578 persons. Ennis (25,360) remained the largest town in Munster. The largest town in Connacht was Sligo with a population of 19,452 while Letterkenny was the largest town in Ulster (part of) with 19,588 persons.

The fastest growing towns in percentage terms in 2011 were primarily within the 1,500-3,000 population range. Saggart in South Dublin was the fastest growing town between 2006 and 2011 when its population increased by almost 150 per cent from 868 in 2006 to 2,144 in 2011.

City Life

Three-quarters of Irish residents enumerated in Cork city were born in County Cork. In contrast fewer than half of those in Galway city were born in County Galway, while one in four were born outside the State making Galway the most international of the five cities. One in five Irish residents enumerated in Dublin city was born outside the State.

Who moved?

Just over 273,000 usual residents (or 6.2 per cent of all usual residents aged one year or over) moved in the year to April 2011, compared with 322,030 movers in 2006, a fall of 15 per cent. 14,707 households who moved bought their new home with a mortgage or loan.

14,739 people over the age of one moved out of County Dublin in the year leading up to Census 2011 with Kildare their most common destination.

For copies of the publication:

To view and download the publication, visit the CSO website at www.cso.ie/census.

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